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FOR KONTOS FROM HUNT

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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION FUNDS

REFS: A) STATE 67188; B) HUNT/KONTOS MEMO 3/12/78

1. FOLLOWING IS THE INFORMATION ON REPRESENTATIONAL EXPENDITURES
REQUESTED IN REF A FOR USE IN SUPPORT OF OUR REPRESENTATION
AUTHORIZATION FOR FY-79.

2. SPENT IN FY 1977:
ISRAEL - \$1,286.11 (\$369.96 OUT OF POCKET IN LAST QUARTER)
EGYPT - \$548.22
SFM - \$382.20
TOTAL - \$2,216.53

3. STATUS FIRST HALF FY 1978 - \$1,000 PROVIDED (\$500 EACH IN
EGYPT AND ISRAEL).
SPENT IN ISRAEL - \$578.60 (\$78.60 OUT OF POCKET)
SPENT IN EGYPT - \$283.96
SPENT AT SFM - 0
TOTAL SPENT - 862.56
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4. THE FIGURES GIVEN FOR FY-77 INCLUDE THE EXPENSES CLAIMED
BY THE FORMER DIRECTOR UNDER A FULL REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENT
AND THE \$500 THAT WAS PROVIDED IN THE LAST QUARTER OF THE FISCAL
YEAR.

5. SINCE MY ARRIVAL AT SFM, I HAVE NOT CLAIMED, NOR HAS THE

DEPUTY DIRECTOR CLAIMED, ANY REPRESENTATION EXPENSES FOR ACTIVITIES AT SFM PROPER NOR FOR MINOR LEGITIMATE EXPENSES IN CAIRO AND TEL AVIV. WE DO NOT FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT THE NECESSITY FOR BEING REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES AT SFM, ALTHOUGH THERE IS AN OUTLAY OF APPROXIMATELY \$50.00 A MONTH WHICH THE DIRECTOR AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR MUST ABSORB. IF WE CAN BE REIMBURSED FOR THESE IN 1978, FINE - BUT WE DO FEEL STRONGLY THAT ALL EXPENSES IN EGYPT AND ISRAEL SHOULD BE REIMBURSED.

6. THE OVERALL ALLOCATION FOR REPRESENTATION IS INSUFFICIENT. THERE WAS A \$370 OUT OF POCKET EXPENDITURE IN FY 77. FOR THE FIRST HALF OF FY-78 WE HAVE ALREADY GONE OVER THE AMOUNT SET ASIDE FOR ISRAEL BY \$78.60. WE ANTICIPATE THAT OUR NEEDS FOR THE REMINDER OF FY-78 WILL BE \$750 FOR ISRAEL AND \$500 FOR EGYPT AT THE LEAST - A TOTAL OF \$1,250 - OR \$2,250 FOR THE ENTIRE FISCAL YEAR 78. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE, AS WE HAVE MENTIONED, THE \$50 PER MONTH THAT GOES INTO REPRESENTATIONAL EXPENSES AT SFM WHICH THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR HAVE ABSORBED. IF THESE CAN BE REIMBURSED FOR FY 78, SIX ADDITIONAL MONTHS AT \$50 PER MONTH COULD BE INCLUDED, BRINGING THE FY 78 REQUEST TO \$2,550. IF SUCH FUNDS ARE NOT REQUESTED NOW, THEY SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ESTABLISHING A REASONABLE REPRESENTATION PROGRAM FOR FY 79. THIS WOULD AFFORD THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND OTHER OFFICERS HERE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM FOR LEGITIMATE AND USEFUL REPRESENTATION FUNCTIONS. WE WOULD ESTIMATE, THEREFORE, THAT A REASONABLE BALL-PARCK FIGURE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FY 79, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION EXPECTED COST INCREASES, WOULD BE \$3000.00.
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